

Remarks

Reconsideration of the Examiner's Action dated May 27, 2003 is requested.

Status of the Claims

The Examiner's Action addresses all of the applicants' pending claims, namely Claims 1 to 48, 50 to 56 and 58 to 115, and indicate that Claims 25 to 28, 32, 46 to 48, 50 to 56, and 58 to 115 are allowed. Claims 1, 29 to 31 and 33 have been amended. No claims have been added. No claims have been cancelled. Accordingly, there are presented for the Examiner's consideration Claims 1, 29 to 31, and 33, with all of the other pending claims having been allowed.

Claims 1 to 13, 29 to 31, and 33 to 45 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 14 to 24 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Discussion of the § 112 Rejections in Paragraph 4. Of the Action

It is submitted respectfully that amendments to Claims 1, 29 to 31 and 33 overcome various of the §112 rejections, as discussed below in paragraphs which correspond to the subparagraphs which appear in paragraph 7. of the Action.

- a) The term "or" in the definition of X has been underlined in Claim 1 to indicate text to be added to Claim 1.
- b) A comma has been inserted after the number 4 in the definition of n in Claim 1 to have it conform to Claim 1 in col. 104, line 43, of involved U.S. Patent No. 5,658,911.
- c) A comma has been inserted after the term "optical" in the second from the last line of Claim 1 to have it conform to Claim 1 in col. 106, line 3 of involved U.S. Patent No. 5,658,911.
- d) The second occurrence of "F, Br, I, amino, C₁-C₃ mono- or dialkylamino, acylamino, -NO₂, -OCF₃, -CF₃," in Claim 29 has been deleted from top of page 11 of the amendment dated February 28, 2003.

- e) A comma has been inserted after the number 4 in the definition of n in Claim 30 to have it conform to Claim 30 in col. 110, line 27, of involved U.S. Patent No. 5,658,911.

- f) The letter H in the definition of R_{21} in the first moiety in Claim 30 has been deleted to have it conform to Claim 30 in col. 110, line 30, of involved U.S. Patent No. 5,658,911.

- g) The letter "e" has been deleted from the word "one" in the definition of R_{20} and R_{21} in Claim 30 to have it conform to Claim 30 in col. 110, line 38, of involved U.S. Patent No. 5,658,911.

- h) A comma has been inserted after the term "optical" in the second from the last line of Claim 30 to have it conform to Claim 30 of involved U.S. Patent No. 5,658,911.

- i) A comma has been inserted after the number 4 in the definition of n in Claim 31 to have it conform to Claim 31 of involved U.S. Patent No. 5,658,911.

- j) The letter "e" has been deleted from the word "one" in the definition of R_{20} and R_{21} in Claim 31 to have it conform to Claim 31 of involved U.S. Patent No. 5,658,911.
- k) A comma has been inserted after the term "optical" in the second from the last line of Claim 31 to have it conform to Claim 31 of involved U.S. Patent No. 5,658,911.
- l) A semicolon has been inserted after the ring structure comprising $(Z_1)_p$ in Claim 33 to have it conform to Claim 33 of involved U.S. Patent No. 5,658,911.

Discussion of the Claim Objections in Paragraph 5. of the Action

The Examiner has objected to Claims 14 to 24 as being dependent upon rejected base claims. It is believed that all of the base claims are now in allowable condition and, thus, a withdrawal of the objections to these claims is requested respectfully.

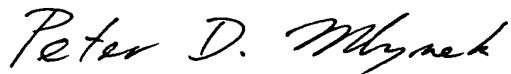
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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants request respectfully that applicants' claims be allowed.

If the Examiner believes that there are matters that require additional attention in order to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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